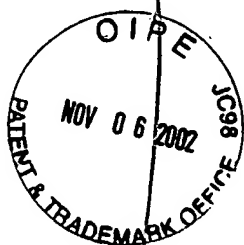


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**Amendment and Request for Reconsideration under 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the Final Office Action mailed May 7, 2002 (Paper No. 24). Applicants also petition for a three-month extension of time, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 08-1641. Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Attached is an amendment to Figure 3, which corrects an inadvertent typographical error.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

25. (Fourth Amendment) A polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid construct comprising the following nucleic acid sequences in the following order:
- at least one promoter element operably linked to;

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